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PREFACE

The *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, published annually since 1878, is the standard summary of statistics on the industrial, social, political, and economic organization of the United States. It includes a selection of data from most of the important statistical publications, both governmental and private. Of necessity, it is limited primarily to the presentation of data for the country as a whole, and, to a much lesser extent, to data for regions and individual States. Data for cities or other small geographic units are shown only in a small number of instances.

This book is designed to fulfill two functions: *First*, to serve as a convenient volume for statistical reference; and *second*, to serve as a guide to other statistical publications and sources. The source of each table presented is given at the foot of the table. The publications cited usually contain additional statistical detail relating to the subject matter shown, and a more complete discussion of relevant definitions and concepts than can be presented here. Also, they may supply data for smaller geographic units. Where contributing agencies are cited as sources, without mention of publications, more detailed information frequently is available from their unpublished tabulations and records.

1952 edition.—This edition is the seventy-third annual issue. The statistics shown are the latest which were available in the early part of the 1952 calendar year. The year, 1952, used to designate this edition represents both the year during which compilation occurred and the year of publication.

Each year several sections are subjected to intensive review. This review introduces new subject material of current interest and eliminates data that are less timely or appear in greater detail than seems warranted.

This issue initiates a section entitled "Comparative International Statistics." This new section will enable the user of the *Statistical Abstract* to compare the United States currently in a number of significant respects with other leading countries of the world. New sections of the *Abstract* are necessarily experimental as to content and form. Comments and reactions from users are especially helpful and most welcome in determining their development in future issues.

Special efforts have been made to include as much material as was available, at the time the various sections were sent to print, from the 1950 Censuses of Agriculture, Population, and Housing. Statistics of these censuses will be found in the appropriate sections.

Other changes of importance in this edition involve particularly section 28, Mining and Mineral Products; section 9, Military Services and Veterans' Affairs; section 21, Transportation, Air and Land; and section 30, Manufactures. The Mining and Mineral Products section has been substantially revised and rearranged with the cooperation of the Bureau of Mines. Much completely new material has been added, as well as significant new detail to old material. Also, this section has now been brought into line with the material appearing in *Historical Statistics of the United States, 1789-1945* (see p. IV).

The Military Services and Veterans' Affairs section provides eight new tables including those on Federal expenditures for the military and for veterans, casualties in principal wars, status of Selective Service registrants, and others. In the Transportation section, material on civil aeronautics has been considerably expanded and now includes figures on air carrier revenues and expenses, and civil airplane output, air carrier personnel, and employment in aircraft industries. In the Manufactures

section, new material includes a substantial selection from the *Annual Survey of Manufactures: 1949 and 1950*. This new material brings to date much of the material from the 1947 Census of Manufactures previously included in this section.

Other significant additions are the tables showing disposable personal income in current and constant prices and distribution of income since 1919 among upper and lower income groups; both of these tables appear in section 11, Income and Expenditures. New material is also included in other sections on purchasing power of the dollar; on hourly and weekly earnings in constant and current dollars; on national farm product, and farm labor productivity; on sales of home appliances; on international investments; and on a number of other subjects.

With respect to content other than tabular, efforts to expand the general notes preceding each section were continued. A new feature is the inclusion, on the first page of text in each section, of the date on which the material for the section as a whole was sent to print. This date serves as a reference point both for those statistics which are subject to revision by the issuing agencies and also to indicate the approximate date on which the section was organized from the latest material available. In addition, 3 new charts have been added, making a total of 31 maps and charts now presented.

Integration with historical supplement.—The comparison and mutual adjustment of statistics in the annual *Statistical Abstract* and in *Historical Statistics of the United States, 1789-1945*, has now been completed in all major aspects. In consequence, this annual volume now stresses even more greatly materials of current interest. The practice of cross-referencing tables in this book (in headnotes) to time series in the historical supplement has been continued.

The historical appendix (see appendix I, tables A and B) continues to bring to date the statistical time series shown to 1945 in *Historical Statistics*. In this appendix the user of the annual volume will find the earliest date to which each series is carried in the historical supplement. For the supplement user, the appendixes, in addition to bringing each series to date (where possible), also indicate the table in the present *Statistical Abstract* in which the same or related data may be found. Where figures for 1945 and earlier years are known to have been revised from those shown in the supplement, the revisions have been listed in appendix I, table B. No attempt has been made to list specific sources of data in appendix I because of the space problem. In general, the source agencies are the same as for the same series specified in the supplement or noted at the bottom of the current *Statistical Abstract* table.

A statement on more detailed use of the historical appendixes will be found in the headnotes on the first page of each appendix table.

Supplements to the Abstract.—The *Statistical Abstract*, as an annual one-volume publication, is of necessity limited in amount of detail shown. Businessmen, teachers, librarians, public officials, professional workers, and others often require data for individual cities, counties, metropolitan areas, and other small areas as well as for States. Economists, teachers, students, and others frequently need more historical information. To meet such requests for more detail, a series of supplements to the *Abstract* has been issued.

The most recent supplement, the *County and City Data Book, 1949*, issued in June, 1952, represents both a revision (bringing to date) and a consolidation of two earlier supplements, the *County Data Book*, issued 1947, and the *Cities Supplement*, issued 1944. The *County and City Data Book, 1949*, brings together 101 items of information for each State, each county, and each standard metropolitan area and 92 items for each of about 400 cities having 25,000 or more inhabitants in 1940. Broad subject fields covered include the 1948 Census of Business, 1947 Census of Manufactures, 1945 Census of Agriculture, 1948 vital statistics, 1949 bank deposits, 1948 city government employment and finances and other items of economic and social importance. This volume is on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C.; for \$3.50.

Historical Statistics of the United States, 1789-1945, a historical supplement, was published in July 1949. This volume brings together 3,000 statistical series which extend back through time. Data are shown for each year back to 1789 or to the earliest data available for the series. In the preparation of this supplement the Bureau had the cooperation of a special committee of the Social Science Research Council set up to advise the Director of the Census on a source book of historical statistics and of the Committee on Research in Economic History under the auspices of the Social Science Research Council. This volume is on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C., for \$2.50. The statistics in this supplement are brought to date each year in the appendix of the annual *Statistical Abstract*, beginning with the 1949 edition.

Responsibility.—As implied in the title, the contents of this volume are taken from a large number of sources, as indicated in the list of agencies furnishing material. (See pages XII-XV.) The Bureau of the Census cannot accept the responsibility for the accuracy or limitations of the data presented here, other than for those which it collects. However, the responsibility for selection of the material for the general user and for proper presentation rests with the Bureau, even though carried out with the cooperation of many technicians who have given unselfishly of their time and knowledge in order to assist the Bureau's staff in making the presentation as meaningful and useful as possible.

The cooperation of the users must also be acknowledged. Many persons have written offering suggestions for improving the presentation of the material. These letters have been most helpful and users are urged to continue to make their needs known. All suggestions will be carefully considered in planning future editions.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON DATA PRESENTED

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County and City Data Book, 1949. A compact presentation of 101 items of statistical data for each county and standard metropolitan area in the United States and 92 items of statistical data for each of about 400 cities having 25,000 inhabitants or more in 1940. Washington, D. C., 1952. 500 pages. Represents both a revision and a consolidation of two earlier small-area supplements, the *County Data Book* issued in 1947, and the *Cities Supplement—Statistical Abstract of the United States* issued in 1944. Price \$3.50 (Buckram).

Historical Statistics of the United States, 1789-1945. A supplement to the *Statistical Abstract*, prepared with the cooperation of the Social Science Research Council. A compilation of about 3,000 statistical time series, largely annual, extending back through time to the earliest year for which figures are available. Includes definitions of terms and descriptive text. Specific source notes provide a basic guide to original published sources for further reference and additional data. Detailed alphabetical subject index. 363 pages. Issued 1949. Third printing. Price \$2.50 (Buckram).

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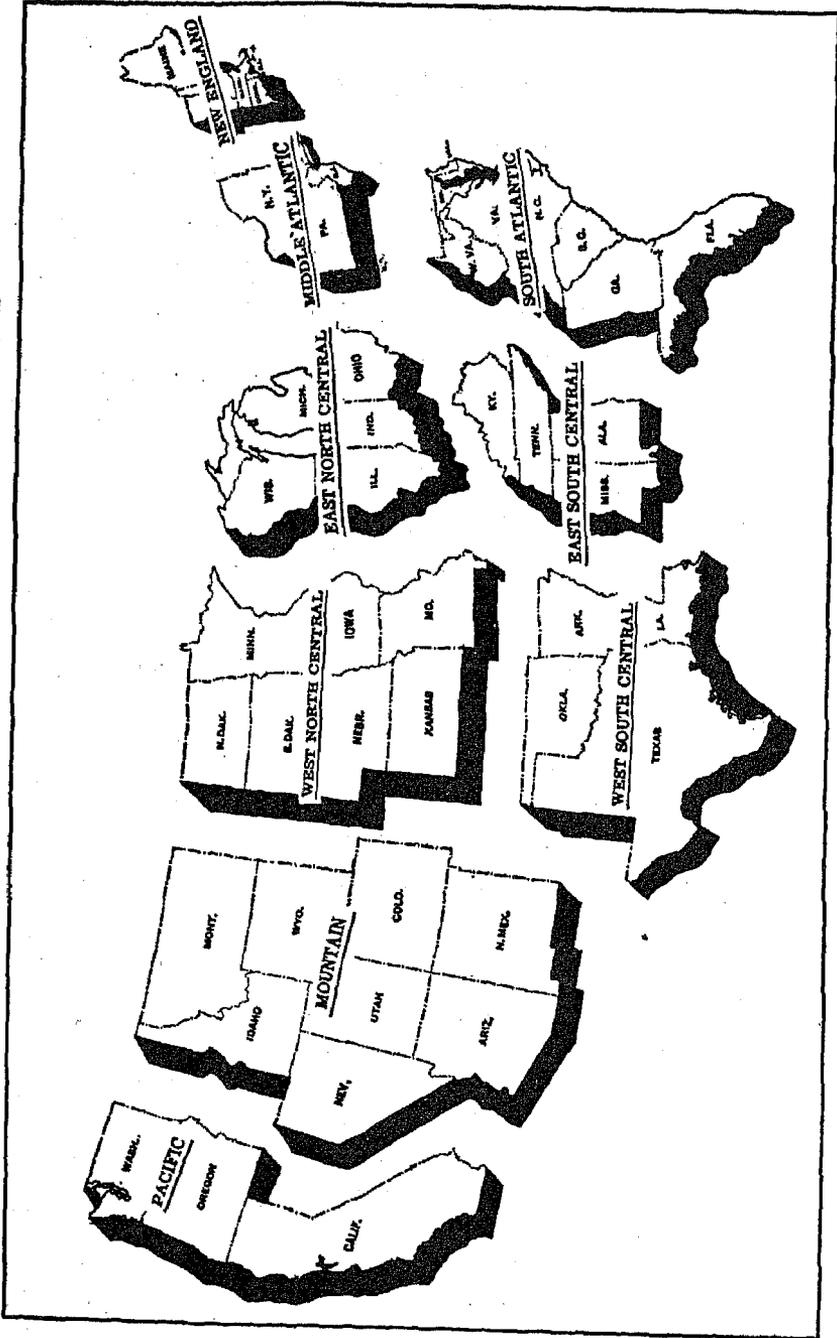
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Bureau of the Mint:	443, 444, 878, 880
Fiscal Service:	356, 357, 383, 385-390, 392, 438, 439
Veterans' Administration:	252-254, 256-263

Other Government Agencies

New York State, Department of Public Works:	660
United Nations:	
Statistical Office:	1077, 1078, 1079 (part), 1080-1084
Food and Agriculture Organization:	1079 (part)
Nongovernment Agencies	
American Bureau of Shipping:	668
American Gas Association:	584-587
American Iron and Steel Institute:	969, 970, 971 (part), 972, 973, 975 (part), 978 (part)
American Medical Association:	87, 88
American Telephone and Telegraph Co.:	543, 544
American Transit Association:	633
Association of American Railroads:	614 (part), 624
Automobile Manufacturers' Association:	597 (part)
Bureau of Advertising of American Newspaper Publishers Association:	1073
Bus Transportation:	638, 639
Commercial and Financial Chronicle:	441 (part), 500, 506
F. W. Dodge Corporation:	896, 897
Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.:	535-539
Edison Electric Institute:	577, 581
Electrical Merchandising:	985
Engineering and Mining Journal:	843 (part)
Engineering News Record:	899, 900, 902
Federal Reserve Bank of New York:	332

Iron Age:	National Fertilizer Association:
978 (part)	718
Lloyds, London:	National Industrial Conference Board:
672, 673	334
Los Angeles Clearing House:	New York Stock Exchange:
441 (part)	496
Metal Statistics:	Petroleum Data Book:
843 (part)	843 (part)
Moody's Investors' Service:	Printers' Ink Publications:
498	1071, 1072
National Association of Hosiery Manu- facturers:	Publishers' Information Bureau, Inc.:
954	1075, 1076
National Board of Fire Underwriters:	Spectator:
515	508-514, 516, 517
National Bureau of Economic Research:	Steel:
314, 330 (part), 497 (part)	978 (part)
National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America:	Tanners' Council of America:
57	962
National Cannery Association:	United States Savings and Loan League:
936 (part)	476
	Western Union Telegraph Co.:
	550

FIG. I.—MAP OF THE UNITED STATES, SHOWING CENSUS DIVISIONS



Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.